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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF
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DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, GENERAL STAFF,
UNITED STATES ARMY
CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, OFFICE OF DEPUTY
CHIEF OF STAFF, OPERATIONS, U.S. AIR FORCE
DIRECTOR OF SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE,
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, JOINT INTELLIGENCE GROUP,
JOINT STAFF

Subject: Downgrading Classification of Two Paragraphs in
NSC No. 7, "Domestic Exploitation"

1. The Chief of Naval Operations has requested authority of the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council to downgrade paragraphs 3d and 3e in National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 7 of February 12, 1948, "Domestic Exploitation," so that this part of that Intelligence Directive may receive the necessary larger circulation within the Naval Establishment.

2. The Executive Secretary of the NSC has requested the Director of Central Intelligence to obtain the advice of the Intelligence Advisory Committee on an appropriate reply to this request. A voting slip is enclosed.

3. It is believed that paragraph 2g was the chief reason why this Directive was classified "Secret," so the Director of Central Intelligence sees no reason why the suggested paragraphs 3d and 3e could not be classified as "Confidential" rather than "Secret" since, in any event, they are for the use of only U. S. Government personnel in the agencies concerned. It is thought that the reply to the Navy Department should emphasize the importance of safeguarding sources, so that it might be desirable to paraphrase the two paragraphs in question if used in a confidential rather than secret category.

R. M. HILLMAN
Director of Central Intelligence

Encl: Voting Slip

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